WP(C) 2530/2007
BEFORE
HON'BLR MR JUSTICE AMITAVA ROY

Heard Mr Buragohain, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr P. Roy, learned State counsel .

The facts in brief necessary for disposing of this petition are that, the petitioner is a sitting lessee of Moran Weekly Bazar being settled with him by Khowang Anchalik Panchayat which is going to expire on 30.6.2007. Confronted with huge financial loss due to non collection of tolls, he on 5.3.2007 submitted representation before the Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Assam, Dispur for remission of the dues payable him for the settlement. A prayer for extension of his term has also been made by him on 10.5.2007 before the Secretary , Khowang Anchalik Panchayat. The above representations ,according to him are as on date, pending consideration. Being aggrieved he is before this Court for redress.

Mr Buragohain while reiterating the above has submitted that this petition be closed with a direction to the authorities concerned to dispose of the representations on merits within a time frame.

Mr Roy has no objection to the course suggested.

In the above view of the matter, this petition is closed with a direction to the Commissioner & Secretary tothe Govt.of Assam ,Panchayat &Rural Development Department, Dispur and the Secretary , Khowang Anchalik Panchayat, Dibrugarh respectively to dispose of the representations pending before them on merits. This should be done within a period of two(2) weeks form the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order. It is made clear that disposal of the petitioner's representations would not be a condition precedent for initiation of a fresh settlement process of the market for the next panchayat year.

The petition stands closed in the above terms. No costs.